



**Baltimore County, Maryland
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**

February 14, 2017

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Room 118, Historic Court House

400 Washington Avenue

Towson, Maryland 21204

MINUTES

Attendees

Robert Airey, Baltimore County Department of Corrections
Kim Barranco, Baltimore City CJCC
Judge Sherrie Bailey, Circuit Court for Baltimore County
Captain Joe Conger, Baltimore County Police Department
Judge Kathleen Cox, Circuit Court for Baltimore County
Theresa Cunningham, Baltimore County Department of Social Services
Michael Esposito, District Court for Baltimore County
Celena Fallin, Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services
John Fee, Circuit Court for Baltimore County
Tom Fitzgerald, Baltimore County Department of Corrections
Rachel Geisz, Baltimore County Office of Information Technology
Alison Knezevich, Baltimore Sun
Carolyn Miller, Baltimore County Department of Health
Donna Morrison, Baltimore County Administrative Office
Richard Muth, Baltimore County Public Schools
Walter Nolley, Dept. of Public Safety & Correctional Services-Community Supervision
Rob O'Connor, Office of Information Technology
Deborah Richardson, Baltimore County Department of Corrections
Wanda Roberts, Office of Information Technology
Judge Leo Ryan, District Court for Baltimore County
Don Schlimm, Local Management Board
Scott Shellenberger, Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office
Chief Terrence B. Sheridan, Baltimore County Police Department
Timothy Sheridan, Circuit Court for Baltimore County
Tanya Smith, Baltimore County Department of Corrections
Rob Stradling, Baltimore County Office of Information Technology
Sharon Tyler, Baltimore County Department of Corrections
Gail Watts, Baltimore County Department of Corrections
Judge Dorothy J. Wilson, District Court for Baltimore County
Donald Zaremba, District Public Defender

Welcome/ Approval of Minutes

Donna Morrison welcomed everyone to the February meeting of the Baltimore County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. She introduced Chief Terrence B. Sheridan who has been appointed as the new Chief of the Police Department pending Council approval. Chief Sheridan previously served as Chief from 1996-2007. Ms. Morrison also recognized Chief Johnson for his 38 years of service to Baltimore County.

Minutes of the December 13, 2016 meeting were presented, and a motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the minutes as presented.

Committee Reports & Updates

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council: Ms. Cunningham shared highlights from the December 16, 2016 meeting. The full report was disseminated electronically prior to the meeting. A save the date was given for the Annual "In Plain Sight" Conference which is scheduled for September 22, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel in Timonium, MD.

Offender Employment Network: Ms. Tyler shared highlights from the February 9, 2017 meeting. The full report was disseminated electronically prior to the meeting. Ms. Tyler also shared that she will be retiring at the end of March after 38 years of service with Baltimore County. Everyone expressed their thanks to Sharon for her dedicated service to the County and to this Council.

Forensic Mental Health Workgroup: Minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. One item of significance was that Judges Wyman and Tirabassi will be managing the mental health docket in District Court on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month. The intent is to move those who are competent to trial so that they do not sit in the jail longer than necessary.

Juvenile Update: Judge Bailey reported that they continue to monitor stats and time standards. Mr. Muth commented on the excellent relationship the schools have with the School Resource Officers.

Other Business/Updates:

Chief Sheridan discussed the unfounded rape story. The committee, appointed by County Executive Kamenetz, which included a representative from MCASA and Judge Barbara Howe, reviewed 124 cases from the years 2013, 2014 and 2015. Not one of the cases reviewed was found to be prosecutable. They did make several recommendations which are being implemented to ensure that victims are being interviewed by a trained detective and that if a suspect is identified, an interview with the suspect is conducted. There is proposed legislation which would remove the use of force requirement in a rape. This bill looks favorable. Additionally, violations occurring at assisted living facilities, juvenile facilities and intoxication facilities will now be tracked by location. A formalized process will be created between the Police and State's Attorney's Office in which the State's Attorney's final decision of founded/unfounded will be documented. The department will continue its 12 year participation in SART. The Police Department will retain rape kits indefinitely.

Mr. Shellenberger reiterated that none of the 124 cases reviewed were viable for prosecution, but he agrees that we could do a better job. Both he and Kevin Kamenetz testified before the Judicial Proceedings Committee and their comments were well received.

Judge Cox reported that the Circuit Court is now at full complement with 20 judges. They are working on formalizing juvenile and criminal case management, consolidating policies into one plan in an effort to decrease docket size.

Judge Wilson reported that the District Court has begun the process of developing a case management plan with a targeted completion date of July 1, 2017. She anticipates involvement with stakeholders.

Captain Joe Conger gave an update on the Body Worn Camera program advising that they are continually addressing logistics. The department is now using the Axon Flex 2 which provides a larger field of vision, greater storage capacity and better resolution, all at no additional cost from the previous model. They are working on policy updates to be in better alignment with existing policies. There are currently 200 cameras deployed, with about 36 units deployed every week. By the end of September 2017, all uniformed personnel should be issued and trained in the body worn camera technology. Judge Cox requested that there be an ongoing forum to work through problems which develop while using this technology. To this end, Mr. Stradling indicated that he would expand communications from his office, possibly creating a share site for communications from the user groups. He also expressed that this is one of the most complex projects he's been involved with. Additionally, Captain Conger will provide updates at future CJCC meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting date is April 11, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Street, CAP
Baltimore County Police Department